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- 13. The method of claim 62 wherein the mismatch repair gene is *PMS2*.
- 14. The method of claim 62 wherein the mismatch repair gene is human *PMS2*.
- 18. The method of claim 14 wherein said mismatch repair gene comprises a truncation mutation.
- 19. The method of claim 14 wherein said mismatch repair gene comprises a truncation mutation at codon 134 as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.
- 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the truncation mutation is a thymidine at nucleotide 424 of wild-type *PMS2* as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.
- 29. The hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal of claim 60 comprising a protein which consists of the first 133 amino acids of human PMS2.
- 52. The hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal of claim 61 wherein the mismatch repair gene is *PMS2*.
- 53. The hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal of claim 61 wherein the mismatch repair gene is human *PMS2*.
- 58. The hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal of claim 61 wherein the dominant negative allele comprises a truncation mutation at codon 134 as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.
- 59. The hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal of claim 58 wherein the truncation mutation is a thymidine at nucleotide 424 of wild-type *PMS2* as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.
- 60. A hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal wherein at least 50% of the cells of said animal comprise a dominant negative allele of a mismatch repair gene.

- 61. A hypermutable, nonhuman, transgenic animal produced by a process comprising introducing a polynucleotide comprising a sequence encoding a dominant negative allele of a mismatch repair gene into said animal, whereby said animal becomes hypermutable.
- 62. A method of making a hypermutable, nonhuman, fertilized egg comprising introducing into said fertilized egg a polynucleotide comprising a sequence encoding a dominant negative allele of a mismatch repair gene, whereby said fertilized egg becomes hypermutable.